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WINTER 2015

WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

JANUARY

- 1 NCSA applications begin**
- 3 Winter NCOLS graduation**
Ft. Devens, MA
- 16 Ham Radio License training**
DES Pease tradeport
- 10 & 24 Color Guard training**
- 20 Commander's Call 1900**

FEBRUARY

- 15 NCSA apps. due**
- 14 & 28 Color Guard training**
- 17 Commander's Call 1900**

MARCH

- 13 & 27 Color Guard training**
- 16 Commander's Call 1900**

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This is a state of the state report for 2015. I want to thank Lt. Col. Shaw and Lt. Col. Goupil for gathering most of the information for this report. NH pilots flew over 1200 hours to more than meet CAPs 200 hours/aircraft requirement. New Hampshire Wing continued to fulfill its assignment as one of two regional coordination centers in the Northeast Region. We hosted a training exercise for current and new members to respond to and support Northeast Region's tasking for FEMA Regions I, II and III. We also assisted the New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept. in a lost person search in the White Mountains. The event resulted in new and improved procedures for data collection and selection of search frequencies for locating Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) in collaboration with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

Cadet Programs hosted two basic encampments and two NCO Leadership Schools as well as an honor guard academy at Norwich University. Almost 300 cadets came from throughout the U.S. to participate. A color guard and an honor guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the NH State Veteran's Cemetery in December. Our wing was again selected to participate in the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) hosting two cadets from Australia and two cadets and an escort from Hong Kong. In addition, two senior members and five cadets traveled to the UK for a NH/UK exchange during the summer.

In aerospace education, eight teams were formed by wing members to compete in the Cyber Patriot competition. Seven schools are participating in the AEX program with 17 AEM (school teachers) enrolled. The fall aerospace weekend was a success with 14 cadets earning their rocketry badge. Unfortunately, our rocket competition has been cancelled twice by weather. With the recent delivery of a drone kit the cadets are looking forward to assembling and flying it.

Our challenge for 2016 is to retain our present members as well as recruit new ones. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this transitional period. Let's continue to be the BEST wing in Northeast Region.

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

IRA EAKER AWARD

Wesley Notter Humphrey Sq.

EARHART AWARD

Joah Moss Lebanon Sq.

MITCHELL AWARD

Matthew Watrous Gr. Nashua Sq.

Tanner Bogner Humphrey Sq.

Julia Kurek Humphrey Sq.

CONCORD

Peter Houle C/2Lt
 Caleb Planchet C/CMSgt
 Noah Ceresa C/SMSgt
 Colin Alexander C/MSgt
 Peter Donovan C/SSgt
 Jeremy Gooden C/SSgt
 Taylor Owen C/SSgt
 Hayden Decato C/SrA
 Steven Butler C/Amn
 Samuel Ceresa C/Amn
 Brant Cheney C/Amn
 Thomas Donovan C/Amn
 Jared Dumont C/Amn
 Jackson Eastman C/Amn
 Riley Fletcher C/Amn
 Shaun Giles C/Amn
 Nicholas Griffin C/Amn
 Kyle Harrison C/Amn
 Abigail Hart C/Amn
 Griffin Lague C/Amn
 Dustin Lester C/Amn
 Damen McRae C/Amn
 Caleb Paige C/Amn
 Adrienne Saucier C/Amn
 Wayne Schmidt C/Amn
 Garrett Smith C/Amn
 Aidan Stockin C/Amn
 Brandon West-Rix C/Amn
 Joshua West-Rix C/Amn

GREATER NASHUA

Robert Drouin C/1Lt
 Matthew Watrous C/2Lt
 Andrew Crusan C/SMSgt
 Christopher Kelly C/SSgt
 Michael Platteel C/Amn

HIGHLANDERS

Nils Jobe C/2Lt
 John Denbow C/MSgt
 Abigail Denbow C/MSgt
 Erik Sigurdsson C/SSgt
 James Kelley C/SSgt
 Lexus Freeman C/Amn
 Bradley King C/Amn

HAWK

Ethan Cray C/1Lt
 Rosemarie Therrien C/SMSgt
 Jon Panus C/SSgt
 Daniel Ellis C/A1C
 Kobly Nedau C/A1C

LEBANON

Joah Moss C/Capt
 Chloe Wright C/CMSgt
 Zethan Moss C/SMSgt
 Noah Perry C/SMSgt
 Matthew Dailey C/SSgt
 Jeff Moody C/A1C

MONADNOCK

Ethan Hughes C/1Lt
 Ethan Ahern C/CMSgt
 Jordan Sepalla C/SMSgt
 Caleb Somero C/SMSgt
 Taylor Hennum C/SSgt
 Samuel Thompson C/A1C
 Pearl Allen C/A1C
 Justin Borden C/Amn

SEACOAST

Katelen Van Aken C/CMSgt
 Brennan Van Aken C/SMSgt
 Christopher Furmanick C/SSgt
 Kyle Schalitz C/A1C
 Jayme Brannan C/A1C
 Samuel Hall C/A1C
 James Johnson C/Amn
 Scheffen Fernando C/Amn
 Welch Michael C/Amn
 Herman Roy C/Amn

SENIOR MEMBERS

Mark Farley Lt. Col.
 Scott Davis Major
 Mark Cray 1/Lt
 Gerald Brown 2/Lt
 Mary Stacey 2/Lt



SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Concord Squadron had a new class of basic cadets back in October and they all received their Curry at graduation. The NH National Guard has been providing orientation flights in the Blackhawk helicopter at Concord Airport. Approximately 40 squadron members participated. The unit Cyber Patriot team has advanced to round 2 thanks to Lt. Stephens and Mr. Dumont. An information table was set up at the Concord Runway 5K race and the C-182 was on display. Members again participated in the Wreaths Across America program by laying about 60 wreaths on veteran's graves at Blossom Hill Cemetery. Maj. Brian Riis received a Commanders' Commendation for his time served as squadron commander.



New Concord Squadron Basic Cadet Class

GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron color guard assisted the wing honor guard at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the NH State Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen. Color guard members were: T. Morin, C. Lavoie, C. Hodgkins, and J. Ralls. Two guest speakers visited the squadron to discuss Extended Preflight Tips. They were Bob Adelizzi a retired FAA/ATC controller and Steve Brown FAA FAAS team manager. Some color guard members along with Humphrey Squadron cadets assisted at a Veteran's Day ceremony at the Elm St. School in Nashua after the annual parade was cancelled.

HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Hawk Squadron members assisted in the Laconia Christmas Village night where they did face painting, helped with games and other activities put on for children in the Laconia area. Capt. Orgettas recently received his Paul Garber award. The unit has two Cyber Patriot teams in this year's competition. Six new cadets have joined the unit as well as one senior member. Five members are now working on ES training. Cadet Panus was named Cadet of the Quarter.

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

A large number of cadets were able to go to Pease ANG Base to use the KC-135 flight simulator over two separate nights. Members marched in the Rochester Holiday Parade which is the largest parade for the city. The Rochester Police Dept. requested assistance with their monthly Teen Night and members ran the obstacle course which the PD had set up. It was well received. Weekly meetings at Spaulding High School with the AFJROTC flying remote control aircraft and helicopters. Cadet Kertanis has been sworn in to the Marine Corps. and Cadet Pincince joined the National Guard. Josh Stacey has joined the Army Nat'l. Guard and Cadet Hearn has put in his paperwork for acceptance to the USAFA. He has his congressional appointment nomination papers in hand. Cadets A. Debow and Sigurdsson are attending NCOLS over Christmas break.

HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

Four new cadets have joined the unit through the Great Start program. Ten cadets from Humphrey and Greater Nashua became center stage after the Nashua Veteran's Day parade was cancelled when they were invited to participate in indoor ceremonies at the Elm St. School. The DAV veterans were very grateful for the assistance. Lt. Kavanagh received her Grover Loening award (level III).



Humphrey and Greater Nashua Color Guards at Veteran's Day Ceremonies

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Newly minted C/Capt. Joah Moss was awarded his Amelia Earhart Award by Sen. Kelly Ayotte in the chapel at the NH State Veteran's Cemetery prior to the WAA ceremony on Dec. 12th. A group of members visited the NE Air Museum in CT. along with members of Monadnock Squadron.

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Cadet Ethan Hughes was able to complete the requirements for his FAA Glider License before the glider was put to bed for the winter. Congratulations!! Now he plans to go for his powered flight rating. The cadets continue with their robotics STEM project. Ltc Hughes and Lt. Seppala earned their Yeager Award, and Lts, Seppala, Karsten and FOs Hughes and Lewandowski attended SLS. Cadets Hughes and Sanchez participated in the WAA ceremony at the NHSVC in Boscawen. Cadet Hennum was named Cadet of the Quarter, and Cadet Sanchez received the AFA Award for 2015. The unit participated in Veteran's Day parades in both Keene and Swanzey.



Monadnock Squadron with Aerospace Excellence Awards

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron was able to get first aid training for all who wanted it. Cadets continue with the Marksmanship program at the Exeter Sportsman's Club. The unit again supported Run for the Fallen NH in Rye with water stops and help for those who were unable to finish the race. Two fundraisers were held at New England Pizza in Exeter to sell wreath sponsorships for the WAA project at Exeter Cemetery. Enough funds were donated to secure 92 wreaths to be placed on veteran's graves. The squadron conducted a brief ceremony at the cemetery and placed ceremonial wreaths for all branches of the service. Lt. Michelle Wegner's father laid the wreath for the US Army and SrA Grayson Grantham laid the US Air Force wreath. C/Col Ben Conlin was the MC and the squadron color guard posted the colors. The Pease Holiday Carnival for

children of AF members at Pease was again supported by Seacoast members who provided games, rocket building and one on one time. The family of a deployed service member was given a holiday basket and gift card and gifts for the child in the family. Maj. Diane Lambert who graduated NSC was selected by the National Chaplain to serve on a CAP task force to overhaul CAP Chaplain and CDI regulations, policies and training.

The squadron will be offering Ham Radio License training at DES beginning on Jan 16 at 0800. This training will continue through April 16th.



SEACOAST COLOR GUARD AT WAA CEREMONY
K. VanAken, A. Nicolson, B. Weeks, B. VanAken

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DECEMBER 12, 2015



Color and Honor Guard with Sen. Kelly Ayotte and her son
At the NH State Veteran's Cemetery--Boscawen

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.” said President Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States of America.

Spread out before the cadets of the Concord Composite Squadron-Civil Air Patrol was the task of laying a simple, green wreath at the grave of a veteran. A much more difficult task was to honor the much harder sacrifices that shaped the heroes behind the stones. Spread out before the cadets were 61 wreaths of remembrance paid for by donor contributions.

Civil Air Patrol partners up with Wreaths Across America, a non-profit fundraising organization, to remember, honor and teach others about the service and sacrifice of our nations veterans. On December 12, a group of the cadets along with Sergeant Dumont from the Gary S. Dillon Detachment of the Marine Corps League, CAP Senior Members, and parents distributed these wreaths. After a solemn opening ceremony, 7 ceremonial wreaths were laid in honor of each of the branches of the United States military as well as the Merchant Marines and in honor of those listed as Prisoner of War/MIA. Members of Concord, Monadnock, Hawk, and Seacoast Squadrons participated in WAA ceremonies either at the NH State Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen or at a cemetery in their local area as was the case for Concord and Seacoast Squadrons. Concord Squadron has been doing a WAA ceremony at Blossom Hill Cemetery for a number of years. The Seacoast Squadron observance at Exeter Cemetery was their first foray into holding a WAA ceremony, but it went very well.



C/Amn Brant Cheney salutes a veteran's grave
At Blossom Hill Cemetery



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON MEMBERS AT BLOSSOM HILL CEMETERY

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON—An Oral History

By Major Robert Karsten NHWG Historian

Recently, our squadron had the wonderful opportunity to interview some veteran members of Civil Air Patrol as part of a living history from a few different time periods within the mid to late twentieth century. The three veterans that we interviewed were in Civil Air Patrol from a range of the early days in the 1940s to the 1980s. Given their backgrounds, this gave us an unprecedented account of our organization's rich history. The three that we interviewed accounted for several decades of the tapestry that is Civil Air Patrol.

Of the three interviewees, the one that laid the groundwork for the oral history was Miss Sally Stockwell, a recipient of the Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal. Sally Stockwell was a member of the Keene Squadron of Civil Air Patrol (name during early years) during and after World War II. In her interview, Miss Stockwell described the uniform as a khaki army uniform. Although women did not fly in the organization at the time, they were widely accepted into the organization. Around the time of World War II, the activities of the squadron included plane spotting, field search and rescue with a decoy as well as first aid and bandaging. At the time of Miss Stockwell's membership, the squadron commander was Bob Whitney and it had about twenty members during her stay in CAP from 1943-1947. After World War II, things started to calm down within the organization and the activities became less focused on the allied war effort and more on activities that were more fun rather than the strenuous drill of the war. Our second interviewee was Mr. Jack McHugh, Squadron Commander of the Keene Squadron during the early sixties, just about the time of the Vietnam War. Mr. McHugh joined Civil Air Patrol in the 1950s after serving in the Army for some of World War II and a few years afterward. At the time of McHugh's command, there were maybe 30 cadets in the ranks of the squadron. The squadron worked with the Keene Police for search teams in addition to the normal activities; such as drill.

Our last interviewee was David McLanahan, who was a member of the Keene Squadron from the 1960s to the 1980s. During his stay in Civil Air Patrol, Mr. McLanahan was pilot within the organization and he frequently would fly fire patrols around the area of his squadron's range. McLanahan also commanded a squadron within the Florida Wing during his stay in this organization. With these interviews came an excellent chance to document the living history of the faces that took the steps necessary to help this organization secure a place within the American way of life. Civil Air Patrol has had a deep history that will live on through the generations, and will continue to inscribe history upon its already rich tapestry.